

From space, we can view our planet in new ways.

As a joint initiative of NASA and USAID working in partnership with leading regional organizations, SERVIR *connects space to village* by helping people in developing countries use that view to gain knowledge and insights about their environments.

We teach regional decision-makers to use Earth observation satellite data, Geographic Information Systems, and predictive models for addressing issues such as water and land use, natural disasters, agricultural problems, biodiversity conservation, and more to improve the lives, livelihoods, safety, and future of the people in their countries.







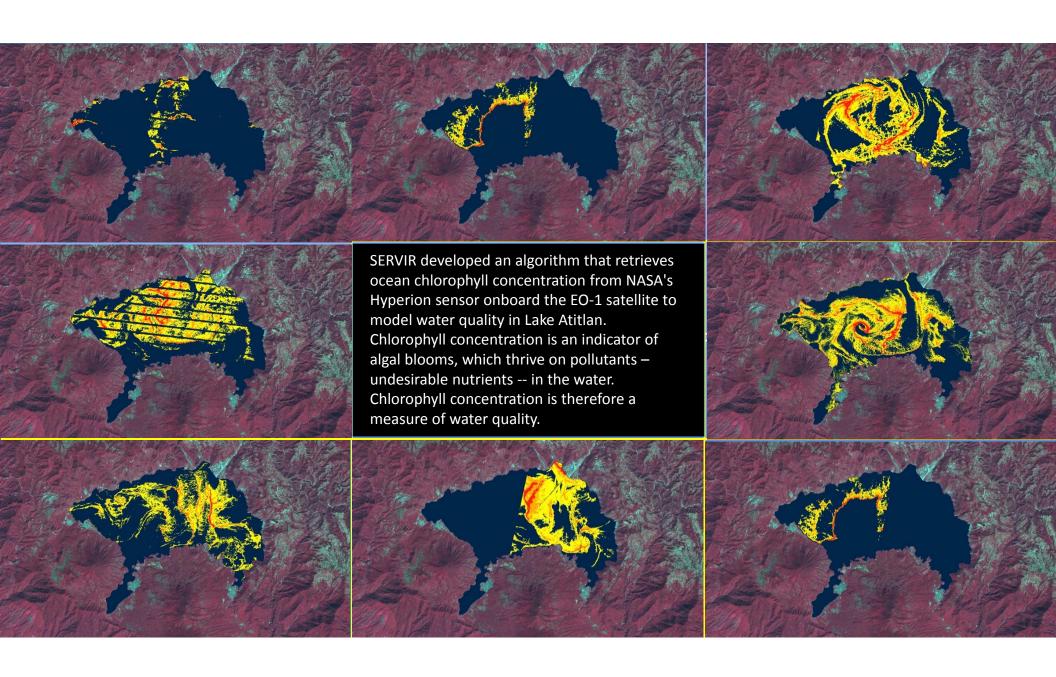




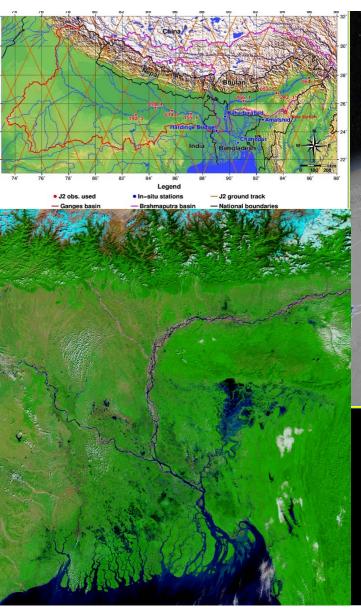


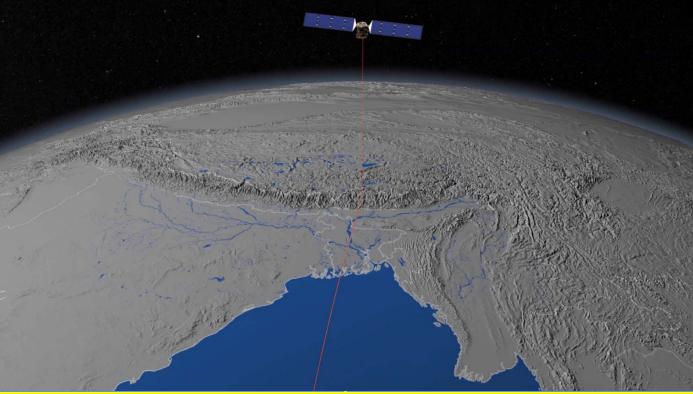




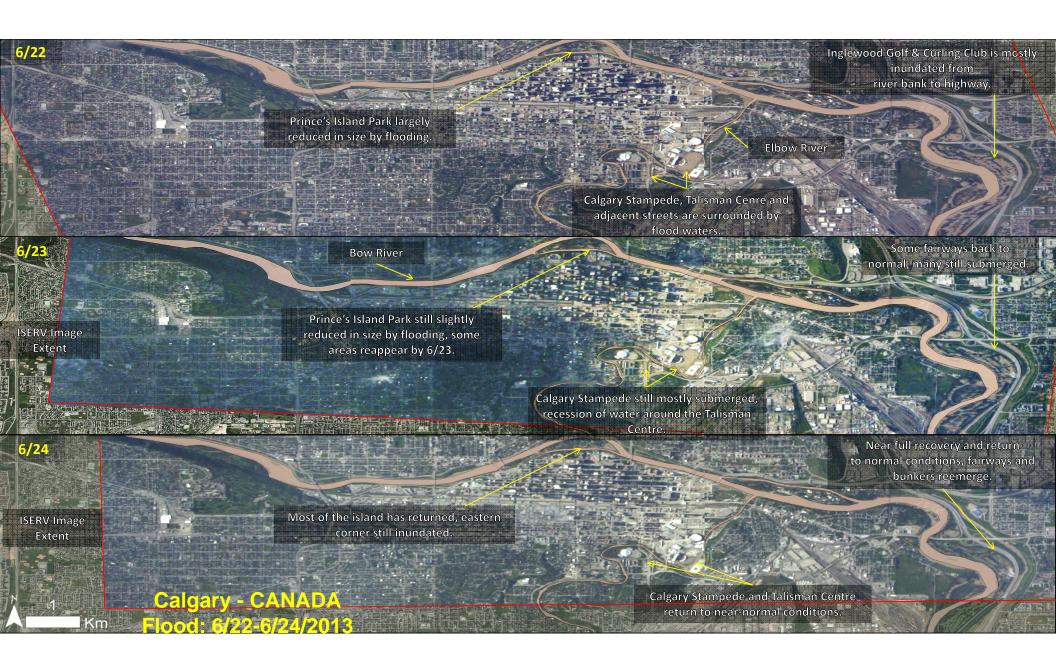








The SERVIR Applied Sciences Team and ICIMOD is helping Bangladesh with the use of NASA satellite data to increase the flood forecast window. A radar altimeter on the Jason-2 satellite measures the river's height at the point of crossing, so flood risks downstream can be assessed. The system provides 8 days advance warning of impending flood versus 3 days provided by traditional system.







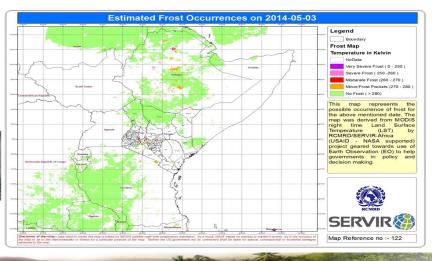
SERVIR-Africa Frost Monitoring

NASA low cost Wireless Sensor Network for instu temperature, humidity, wind and rainfall Data collection for Frost monitoring calibration



Photos of Frost occurrence in Aberdare Range Lands in Kenya

SERVIR-Africa Frost mapping System automatically generates Frost Occurrence Maps, using Near Real TimeMODIS LST Powered by ArcGIS Arcpy Python Library



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SERVIR partners with RCMRD at SERVIR-Eastern and Southern Africa to address such issues as drought, floods, land cover, and frost. Frost can cause millions of dollars in damage to tea crops, which is a major industry in Kenya and provides a living for about 4 million persons. Farmers can take preventive action against frost if they know where and when it might occur.

SERVIR- Eastern and Southern Africa created an automated, near real-time frost mapping system using satellite and in-situ data. The system emails daily maps identifying areas with high potential for frost to Kenya Meteorological Service, the Tea Research Foundation of Kenya, and others. The two photos were taken during the time SERVIR's frost alert system issued cautions about the frosty conditions outlined in red on the map.



